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Editorial Comment

FUTURE OF COAL

We believe that one result of the coal strike will be to focus attention on the uncertain production of the coal industry, and to increase efforts to seek out other ways of providing heat and power. Overall production figures will not tell the true story of coal production. Steadiness of supply is just as important. Of course, during the war it was impossible to build up reserve supplies, and the strike was very quickly felt. But if those dependent upon coal become convinced that they cannot depend on regular deliveries, they cannot be blamed for looking elsewhere for fuel. There is little likelihood that there will not continue to be a ready market for all coal mined, for this nation has not yet scaled its productive peak. But any business or industry that cannot supply its customers, loses.

In this connection it is interesting to note that an experimental high - temperature atomic power plant is to be built at Oak Ridge, Tenn. Perhaps the facts that engineers need if they hope to use uranium as fuel may be gathered. No one knows the future of uranium, and experiments are costly as well as dangerous. But apparently scientists will probe for new sources of power.

BRICKER TO THE FRONT

The former Governor of Ohio, John W. Bricker, will be the Republican candidate for the Senate in that state in November. He is said to have a good chance to win. If he does, he will forge ahead in discussion of probable Republican candidates for the Presidency in 1948. It is not likely that Thomas E. Dewey will again receive the nomination. Mr. Bricker is an able and forceful campaigner, but his nomination would hardly appeal to the liberal voters of the nation. It would still appear that the Democratic party will be the rallying ground for the liberal groups of voters.

We share with some of our contemporaries the view that our government does not lack power and authority. We have just seen a mighty show of government authority. The government closes our theatres and places of amusement. It made people climb long stairs because elevators could not run on schedules, and it made lots of business places cut down to half a day's work; and it told us not to mail a package that weighed over eleven pounds. There were plenty of orders telling us what to do and what not to do.

The orders were fair and we are glad the government had authority to act in an emergency; just as we were glad that our state government had authority recently to act in another emergency. But, why not some show of all the authority of the government to prevent these emergencies from arising? Why wait until the nation is down to its last few lumps of coal, before showing authority? The coal strike has been on six weeks, and thirty days notice was given before it started, and long before that it didn't take a prophet to foresee what was going to happen. If government can reach into every village and tell all the common people of the nation what to do, and just when to do it, we see no right of the government to complain that it lacks "authority." We don't venture an opinion as to whether "authority" should be aimed at coal miners, or the operators; or both. There is doubtless merit on both sides. But it is the obligation of the government to see that one hundred and thirty million people don't suffer because of an impasse in negotiations.

In Virginia, the government found that an old law passed back in 1920 had a section that could be used in an emergency. Let the federal government look through its stacks of laws. If there is no law that gives authority to the settlement of disputes, we are sure Congress will pass one.

When the interests of labor and management clash, somebody has to step in and make a decision either one way or the other, or work out a compromise that will keep up our economic life.

Russian paper charges an "Anglo-U. S. bloc."

Byrnes suggests that two Italian liners be given to Russia.

CRISIS AND THE FARMER

Whenever the people on this earth face a crisis their thinking gets back to fundamentals. Then they worry about their basic necessities of life, about shelter, about getting enough to eat and drink. And at that time the eyes of the world all turn toward the farmers. It was that way during the last war and the one before. It was the same way during the restless peace that came between.

Today, once again, the farmer has become a very important man. Now, with the nations of this world faced with hunger and even slow starvation, the farmer is being looked to as a saviour of humanity and its civilization.

Even in our own land of plenty there is a tightening of belts, a growing concern over future food supplies as the nation undertakes to feed undernourished Europe and Asia.

The farmer, who, unlike other people has never lost his touch with earthy things, is the man of the moment. It is in his hands that destiny has placed the key to the kind of world that we want our children to share tomorrow.

The world waits anxiously as the farmer goes about planting his various crops. The world watches trustfully as this same farmer harvests his annual crop of pulpwood which will be converted into paper and paperboard to move his foodstuffs to the far corners of the nation and to remove places over the earth. The farmer is the man of the hour.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

MILITARY SERVICE NECESSARY

The opponents of compulsory military service in this country assert that it will begin the development of militarism and that the United States will develop along the same lines seen in Germany.

The advocates of such service in time of peace insist that no nation can retain its rights and freedom without being able to defend itself and point to China as a land of vast resources, human and material, but hopelessly impotent in defense.

We have not hesitated to support the idea of compulsory military service in the United States, despite some small risk of developing a militaristic complex. The hope of something like permanent peace burns brightly but there is no assurance that this country will not become engaged in a future war.

Neither is there reason to believe that, if a third war begins, the United States will have time to mobilize, train and equip its fighting men while other nations hold off the evil forces of a future day.

The situation seems to demand, in our opinion, that the United States must take the risks, insofar as they relate to the development of militarism. The good sense of our people, together with their sincere love of peace, will save us from its evil.

Whether this is true or not, the safety of the nation demands that it maintain adequate military forces to defend it against any possible attack.

—Eastern Shore News.

LILACS

The haunting fragrance of lilacs creeps across the countryside. Purple, and blue, and white, the generous blossoms are opening there in the dooryard, gleaming in the May sunlight and lying gracefully in the cool May rain. And along the back fence they are opening, and beside the garden wall, and out along the country roads where farmhouses once stood but have long vanished, reminders of some country-woman whose stone may be lilac-shaded in the near-by burying ground.

All across the land lilacs are perfuming the air, for we Americans took this beautiful shrub to our hearts long ago and have kept it there through the years. In this latitude it is practically symbolic of May. With the gentler fragrance of violets, the bold sweetness of the lilac might be called the breath of our springtime.

The lilac is said to have come originaly from the north of Persia, and was first brought to Vienna, the story goes, late in the sixteenth century by Ferdinand I's Ambassador, Busbeq. From Vienna it spread throughout Europe and eventually, to this side of the Atlantic. New England is full of lilacs, for when New Englanders went they took lilac roots and cuttings with them. The lilac somehow spelled home, wherever they might stop and put down their own roots, and they would have memories of their walks and rolling hills here beside the Atlantic each spring when lilacs came to bloom.

They bloom now, great heads of bloom nodding in the hesitant warmth of May, and long - remembered sweetness fills the air.

—New York Times.

Irish prisoner dies after a hunger strike.

Boston Red Sox top American league.

Assault, derby winner, wins the Preakness in Maryland.

Churchill declares he favors the separation of Prussia from rest of Germany.

"GAY GADGETS"

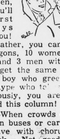
Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

Trivia and Trifle Dept.

Must be wonderful to be a teen-er, on second thought, do you have to be a teen to be wonderful? It's problems like this that get us down —but we weren't really out until we heard rumors of your latest humors, like these, by Instamatic:

Safety in Numbers—From Reading, Pa., comes the report of a new number game. Goes like this: You have to count 100 convertible cars and 10 boys on bicycles and 3 redheads—and then, ah — then you'll marry the first boy who says "Hello" to you! Or, if you'd rather, you can count 23 station wagons, 10 women with fuchsia hats and 3 men with gray hats. You'll get the same results if you say "Hello" to the first boy who greets you. If you're the type who takes things like this seriously, you aren't old enough to read this column!



Hen Party—When crowds of gals get together on buses or cars these days, they give with choruses of Chickery Chick. Not good — but good and loud.

The Play's the Thing!—In one school, the entertainment committee puts on skits during assembly as a means of announcing a forthcoming dance. Much more effective than a bulletin on the ball board.

Nonsense News—Stuffing rag dolls and carrying them to school is a fad in one city. And, members of one high-school club practice mirror writing so they can write to each other "through the looking glass." That's doing it the hard way.

Well, as the rabbit said, "I'm all EARS for more news!"

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QUESTION MARKS

My report card is low, so my face it is long.
On study my friends make suggestions,
But I'm sure that my answers wouldn't be wrong
IF TEACHER WOULD ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS!

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TRIXIE TEEN SAYS:

There are two types of teens—the girls that boys pick UP and the girls that boys pick OUT. Dress and talk noisily, get yourself gossiped about—and you're the girl who gets Picked Up often and dropped quickly. Keep your head and standards high, make the most of your looks—and you're the Chick they Pick Out of the crowd. Yes, it's the boys who do the picking—but it's you who do the choosing!

Keep cutting pulpwood.

YOUR FORTUNE FINDER

JAN. 22-FEB. 20	8	1	16	16	25	14	5	23	19	15	12	21	20	9	15	14									
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To learn your "Fortune" for this week from the stars, write in the letters of the alphabet corresponding to the numerals on the line of the astrological period in which you were born. You will find it fun.

TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY

SHOULD 'ENVOY' RHYME WITH 'CONVOY'?

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We Americans have a wondrous way with words. Chief among our peculiarities is the tendency to jump to conclusions about word meanings or pronunciations. Many a useful and important word gets away to a bad start and becomes almost hopelessly corrupted as we blindly follow one another's misconceptions.

Such a word is **envoy**, "an emissary; the official messenger of a government." I do not know who started the mispronunciation "ON-voy," to rhyme with "convoy." But it is safe to assume that whoever he was, he naively believed envoy to be French, and that "ON-voy" is the French pronunciation.

He was wrong on two counts: (1) Envoy is an English word. (2) If it were French, no Frenchman would ever think of pronouncing it "ON-voy."

Centuries ago we borrowed the French noun envoye (the final "e" is marked with an acute accent). But we Anglicized the word by dropping the final "e," and by pronouncing the word according to English values, thus: EN-voy. The word is so pronounced in all accepted dictionaries.

Nevertheless, to demonstrate the purity of our "French," we continue to use the incorrect and utterly un-French pronunciation "ON-voy," producing a two-syllable sound that is not French, nor English, nor anything else.

We understand why "ON-voy" has no resemblance to French, we have only to note the French pronunciation of the noun envoye: **ahn(n)vwa-YAY**, with the nasal sound in the first syllable.

I earnestly recommend checking these facts in any reputable dictionary. Broadcasters, especially, can quickly re-establish the correct pronunciation if they will, from this time on, be sure to say: **EN-voy.**

SURPRISE WORD OF THE WEEK

Overheard on a radio soap opera: "But women adore him—he is so guh-lahnt."

In Noah Webster's heyday (about a century and a half ago), the amorously chivalrous lady - killer was spoken of as being "guh-LAHNT," a curious pseudo-French pronunciation of a strictly English word.

The English word gallant did have its origin in the French gallant, but the French word (note the spelling with one "l") is not pronounced "guh-lahnt." In French, the first "a" is flat as in "Hal, Sal." The second syllable has the French nasal sound and the "t" is silent, thus: ga-LAH(N).

In modern usage the adjective gallant has two dissimilar meanings:

1. Courageous; noble in appearance or action, as, a gallant commander; a gallant warship. The pronunciation is: **GAL-ant.**

2. Amorously attentive to women; chivalrous. Pronounced **guh-LANT.** Note that the "a" of the second syllable is flat as in "pant, rant."

Bell Syndicate—WNU Features.

FARMER'S NET INCOME SLUMPING SINCE 1942

Many farmers, especially those who have not had high - priced crops to sell, have been making less money than they did in 1941-42. If they have been keeping records of income and outgo, they know this already. Fr. H. N. Young, head of the agricultural economics department at V. P. I., points out. He says some official estimates have, however, led the impression that farmers have made more money each year since 1940.

More than 500 Southwest Virginia farmers keep careful records of operations. These are analyzed at V. P. I. from year to year from several angles. The 1944 records show: (1) Total receipts per farm increased each year from 1940 to 1944, 1944 receipts being 13% per cent higher than 1940; but farm expenses increased 173 per cent in the same period. (2) Average net incomes were highest in 1942. Since then, expenses have increased more rapidly than income.

Congress did up with mass of bills and few votes.

Hope to keep the living costs of wage earners from further increases.

Doubt that Truman will name a present member of the Supreme Court to be chief justice.

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Uncle Sam Says

About this time of year, we hunger for a sight of green sprouts and the first signs of a plentiful fall crop. I am visiting my nephew, Farmer John, in Iowa. John's seeds produce the golden corn we all love. John is also planting financial seeds. These seeds are United States Savings Bonds. Savings Bonds grow to golden hue. Every city worker also can plant and nurture these seeds.

U. S. Treasury Department

Lynchburg

Lynchburg, May 13.- Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Moore were guests of Mrs. [illegible] Moore, Jr. Sunday.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Drinkard Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Martin and Helen, Mrs. Marshall Hunter,Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Paris and daughters, Misses Mollie Thorpe of Lynchburg, Ralph Coleman visited in this home and remained for supper.

Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Drinkard Sunday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin for dinner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Martin, Mrs. R. B. Martin and son, Bentley, and those who called in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Paris and two daughters, Rebecca and Judith and Mrs.Mollie Thorpe. Also Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr. and Jimmie, and R. B. Martin and son, Randolph.

The third quarterly conference of Appomattox Circuit was held at Hermon Church Tuesday, May 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipscomb and Mr. and Mrs. Worley, of Lynchburg were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Adams last weekend.

Those visiting Mr.and Mrs. Donald Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lucado Sunday were Mrs and Mrs. Raymond Hamilton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glover and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lucado and daughter, Lila.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson last weekend.

Donald Hamilton and son, Raymond and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh were among those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mayes Sunday. Mrs. Marsh has been in bed for several weeks. We hope she can soon be up and around again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis near Vera Sunday.

Misses Barbara Smith and Audrey Bergman visited their parents last week-end.

A shower was given Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Page in their new home Saturday P. M. A pleasant evening was spent with a good number of friends and relatives present. Many nice gifts were received. We [illegible] much happiness in their new home, to which they expect to move soon.

There will be a special service for the boys who were and still are in the service of our country, at Oak Sunday A. M. at eleven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers and children, Bobbie Byers, Mrs. Collier, Miss Oteria Doss and Robert Doss, all of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mrs. Daisy Rogers on Sunday.

Miss Myrtice Dinkins, Miss Virginia Greene and Miss Edna Robbins, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hussey Rogers last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Cleaveland Fore and grandson, Richard, of Lynchburg, were visitors in this same home on Sunday afternoon.

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, May 14.- Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Frazier, of Altavista, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson.

Miss Emma Johnston returned to Richmond Sunday after spending a two-week vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carson and daughters spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perdieu and children spent the week-end with relatives near Lynchburg.

Sonny Marks, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Almond over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Beuben Almond, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, of Appomattox.

Evergreen

Evergreen, May 15.- Mrs. T. D. Harris and family spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ferguson.

Misses Eulalia and Bess Ann Glover have the measles.

A. B. Ferguson celebrated his 9th birthday Sunday.

There was a May Day exercise and health play given at the Evergreen school Wednesday afternoon. The May Queen was Miss Elnora Glover, and Maid of Honor was Miss Ida Belle Harvey.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan and Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Miss Elnora Glover was Sunday dinner guest of Miss Betsy Ferguson.

Mrs. Green Garrett visited Mrs. Howard Glover on Monday afternoon.

Miss Minnie Harris, of Walkers Ford, Va. spent Sunday night with her aunt, Mrs. Howard Glover.

Miss Rosa Belle Goin spent Monday night with Miss Peggy Harris.

Howard Glover, who is working at Gadys, Va., spent the week-end with his family.

Hixburg

Hixburg, May 14.- Rev. J. S. Moore filed his appointment at Matthews Church Sunday A. M.

The beautiful showers we are having are very helpful to the newly planted tobacco. The farmers in this section were very busy yesterday planting.

Those from this community who attended Mrs. Harry Giliam's funeral in Lynchburg Monday A. M. were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sears, Mrs. Morton Marshall, Mrs. E. W. Gilliam and Lester Sears.

Herbert Gilliam and Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Griffith, of Statesville, N. C., were with Mr. Sears and Mrs. H. M. Marshall over the week-end and attended Mrs. Harry Gilliam's funeral in Lynchburg.

N. R. Featherston, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Terry visited in the home of Mrs. H. M. Marshall on Sunday afternoon.

John Wilson Hix has received his call from the local draft board and will leave for an induction center Monday, May 20.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Mrs. C. B. Carson, John Carson, Mrs. Morton Marshall and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam visited Mrs. Annie Gilliam and Mrs. Rodney Smith, of Andersonville last week.

Joel Watkins called on see his kin in Hixburg last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McClure spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Moore were dinner guests of Mrs. Topping and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington last Sunday.

Draft law is extended 45 days by Senate.

Senators seek to delay action on labor bills.

Foresee House approval of the British loan.

Byrnes suggests calling of peace conference this summer.

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INTERNATIONAL Harvester is getting back into production with all possible speed. Extra shifts are being employed wherever conditions permit, to try to overcome the production losses of the recent strike. Everything is being done to get parts and machines to you.

While we and our dealers would like to tell you that this means an immediate end to the shortage of tractor parts and machines, it is more accurate to say that it means the beginning of the end of the shortage. If illness or bad weather delays you seriously in the Spring, you know how much it throws you off your schedule. The strike has thrown our schedules off balance, too. There are many "orphans" we must do before new machines reach you.

Material shortages

The preliminary chores of getting our plants back into shape for full production are finished. But disturbances in other industries and resulting material shortages may affect our plans. Light gauge steel sheets, brass and copper, fractional horse power motors, and many other items are all very short. *The coal situation may also prove serious—we hope not.*

Refilling the well

Both our dealers and our branches have run dry on parts and new machines. So the biggest chore is to get their working stocks back to normal. It will take time to fill the pipeline to dealers—just as it has taken time for you to refill a well or cistern after it has run dry.

But the real fulfillment comes to the one who has faith in Christ because it is quite apart from the tangible evidence. The man of faith which God gives can be our Lord and Saviour whom having not seen we love (1 Pet. 1:8).

No hoarding

You may be sure that every machine will be shipped to dealers as soon as completed. *We do not and will not hold machines off the market.*

At the start of the strike we had on hand at all our factories and branches just 837 tractors of all kinds—less than two days' production—and 406 of those were not completed. Many of those on hand had one or more important parts missing—principally radiator cores. Most of the rest represented the normal daily "float" between the end of the assembly line and the shipping platform. Naturally no tractors were made during the strike.

What dealers may have for you

We can report to you that our current production on TRACTORS is good and we are shipping at a normal rate. Even so, there will not be enough to go around. The situation on PLOWS and DISK HARROWS is reasonably good. On COMBINES, MOWERS, HAY RAKES, ONE MAN HAY BALERS, CORN PICKERS and many other items, our schedules have been seriously disrupted. We must in fairness say that many of our customers are likely to be disappointed on delivery of these machines. On MILKING MACHINES, STATIONARY ENGINES, and some other units we are hopeful of making practically normal delivery.

We know you will understand the reasons why your dealer cannot fill your orders overnight. He would like to give you the kind of delivery on machines you would like to get, but his situation is a difficult one and not of his own making. He is doing the best he can.

No cutting corners on quality

There is one thing you can be absolutely certain about: We *will NOT cut corners on quality in order to increase production in this emergency.* For years we have said: "QUALITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR BUSINESS." Today we say it—and mean it—as much as ever.

We know you need new machines—and need them badly. But we believe it will pay you to wait just a little while longer if you cannot get all you want immediately. By waiting you can be sure your new equipment will have the quality so rightly associated with INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER for so many years.

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HANK: "Glad to have you, Judge."

OLD JUDGE: "Do you think the grain used by distillers is wasted as some folks are saying?"

HANK: "I certainly do *Not!* As a matter of fact, it is just the opposite."

OLD JUDGE: "How do you figure that, Hank?"

HANK: "From my own experience and from reports I've read. For the year ending last June, the distillers produced over 1,200,000,000 pounds of distillers' dried grains...the best feed supplements we can lay our hands on. They are rich in nutrients. Why... I've never had such fat dairy cows, livestock and poultry as I have since I've been usin' these dried grains."

OLD JUDGE: "How do you use them, Hank?"

HANK: "I blend them in with original grain. This balanced ration has far greater feed value than the original grain itself. I can cut down on my whole grain feeding about 20% and still get better results."

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